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HOBROCK AND SUPPORT STAFF AWARDS ARE FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE K-STATE LIBRARIES.



BRICE G. HOBROCK DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Kendra Spahr, academic services librarian, received the Brice G. Hobrock Distinguished Faculty Award. Annually, the award recognizes outstanding librarianship and superior accomplishments among the K-State Libraries faculty. Spahr has been the co-leader of the Developing Scholars Research Seminar since fall 2017. She also works as a McNair Scholars librarian as well as with MAPS Bridges programs.



DEAN'S AWARD

Kathy Coleman, interlibrary services coordinator, received the Dean's Award. The Dean's Award recognizes a non-tenure track professional's contributions to K-State Libraries in the previous two academic years. Coleman organized faculty delivery services of interlibrary loan (ILL) materials to four academic departments on campus and also initiated a service to provide Optical Character Recognition of ILL articles received from other libraries.



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cindy Harris, library assistant III, was chosen as the Support Staff of the Year. This award recognizes a support staff employee's special contributions, dedication to daily tasks and ability to work successfully across the organization. Harris played a vital role in protecting the Special Collections materials and spent six months cleaning moldy materials and handling emergencies.

THE 2019 KIRMSER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Kirmser Awards, which are made possible through a gift from the Philip and Jeune Kirmser estate, recognize and promote outstanding undergraduate scholarship. Applications are evaluated in part on use of library resources. Each grand prize winner receives \$1,000, and their work is

deposited in the online K-State Research Exchange.

Group research category: Social work majors **Rebekah Castle**, junior, Hoxie; **Taya Josenberger**, junior, Kansas City; and **Cole Griffin**, senior, Olathe, completed their project, "The Effects of Childhood Separation:

A Study on Mental Health" for the Social Research Methods & Analysis class taught by Jung Sim Jun, assistant professor of social work. Individual non-freshman category: **Clayton Jarrard**, senior in anthropology, Olathe, completed "Conviction as Divine Influence or Human

Manipulation: LGBTQ+ Christians and a Harmful Habitus," completed for the class Anthropological Theory taught by Trevor Durbin, assistant professor of sociology, anthropology and social work. Individual freshman category: **Kate Brull**, freshman in life sciences and mathematics, Salina, completed "The Moral Dilemma to Antibiotic Overprescription," completed for the class Introduction to Moral Philosophy taught by Amelia Hicks, assistant professor of philosophy.



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